The City of San Diego is proud to endorse National Cyber Security Awareness Month for the third year in a row. The annual awareness month is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, National Cyber Security Division (DHS/NCSD), National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), and the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC). Each of these organizations provide valuable information to help the public, business, and government be aware of the potential risks in using the Internet and electronic mail (Email), as well as tips for staying safe while online. Links to these organizations, as well as others, are provided on the City of San Diego's web site, on the Department of Information Technology Cybersecurity page at: http://www.sandiego.gov/it/services/cybersecurity.

The San Diego Police Department also provides information and general crime prevention tips, including computer security and preventing identity theft, at: http://www.sandiego.gov/police/prevention/tips.

Starting in January 2010, the City of San Diego joined with over 200 other regional organizations, including private sector businesses, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and other government agencies as part of the "Securing Our eCity" initiative (http://SecuringOureCity.org/). This public-private partnership effort is aimed at developing and providing the San Diego region with cybersecurity awareness materials and campaigns, with the mission to "enable every San Diegan to live, work, and play safely in the cyber world."

As part of a new national cybersecurity awareness campaign, the City of San Diego, through Securing Our eCity, is also participating in "STOP. THINK. CONNECT." Visit http://www.staysafeonline.org/tools-resources/stop-think-connect or http://www.dhs.gov/files/events/stop-think-connect or http://www.stopthinkconnect.org/. Everyone is invited to get involved in making themselves, their families, and businesses safer in cyberspace.